GERMANS SHIFT THEIR ATTACK EAST OF THE RIVER OISE; FRENCH MAKE GAINS ON WINGS; TAKE 400 PRISONERS; U-BOAT SINKS 2 NORWEGIAN SHIPS; SEIZES COPPER CARGO

CREWS OF VINDEGGEN AND HENDRIK LUND ARE BROUGHT HERE

Submarine Is Expected to Hasten Home With Valuable Metal.

MEN WELL TREATED

til Danish Vessel Was Sighted.

T. S. STEAMER ESCAPES

The Edward Pierce Dodges Shell Fire and Torpedo and Arrives Safely.

an waters, Both were Norwegian Lund. whose destruction became

U-loats is heading homeward as fast as is laden with eighty tons of copper bars which she forced the Vindeggen's crew to transfer in lifeboats from that ill fated vessel to the submarine.

She will be rather unwieldly with such s cargo superimposed (won the weight of her store of torpedoes, her heavy guns, shells, ammunition and large crew -for she is no cargo carrying Deutschfand-and will run while the running is

Besides, the copper is worth \$40,000 even here. What is its value to Germany, short of all the metals used in making war supplies and cut off from the world's sources of supply, is almost beyond conjecture. Ordnance men ventured the opinion last night that it was ty more valuable to Germany than an equal weight of gold.

Plundering Done Leisurely.

While the submarine was plundering the Vindeggen no patrol or other vessels were sighted. The job was carried on in leisurely fashion under the supervision of the pirate's officers. Capt. Balnested of the Vindeggen and Capt. Kaltenborg of the Hendrik Lund said that they had been treated with fairboats nearer the coast before bidding

The eighty tons of copper was a mer in comparison with the entire cargo of 2.500 tone the Vindeggen carried, valued at more than \$1,000,000. sailed from Valparaiso on May 20 for this port, and had aboard besides the copper several hundred bales of wool of high value. Having no wireless she was and even if she had known the U-boats were in her course she would have been helpless because of her lack of speed. Her copper was consigned to

Lund Sunk Later.

Two days later, on Monday, the Hendr.k Lund was held up north of the post tion where the Vindeggen was sent to pottom by the same submarine that sunk the Vindeggen. The Lund, Capt. Kaltenborg, was bound in ballast from Norfolk, where she had taken on bunker coal, for this port. She had been ply ins between Philadelphia and South American ports. There was nothing sheard her that the pirate wanted and The was done expeditiously. The sub marine had taken the lifeboats of the Vindeggen in tow, and after sinking the Lund her lifeboats also were added to the string and the pirate proceeded until he fell in with the Danish freighter Brosund. He had some friendly talk with the Dane and all the lifeboats' human cargo was transferred to the

Steamship Escapes U-Boat.

Pierce escaped both shell fire and a torpedo from a German submarine off the Virginia Capes Monday night in a stern chase that ended only when coast lights were sighted was related here to-day by Capt. Wade, master of the vessel. The attack came soon after the Henrik Lund was sunk and probably was made by

the presence of the sea wolf was a flash was dark and the captain decides that he would depend upon that and speed to save his ship. All steam was crowded on the versel and a zigzag course was run. The submarine con-tinued to fire, but the marksmanship of the gunners in the darkness was poo ding his guns unavailing, the Ger

man, according to Capt. Wade, launche captain and members of the crew saw it pass their vessel at rapid speed. The chase lasted for two hours, the subma-

Capt. Wade mid his wireless calls were answered by the Cape Sable. Nova Scotia. station, and the American steamarly Walder D. Noyes. The latter veneral reported on its arrival here that it

BOARD ORDERS BEEF RATIONING

Towed by Submersible Un- stricted to Four Services a Week, Beginning June 17.

HOUSEHOLDERS ALSO CUT

Greater Use of Pork Urged to Conserve Other Meat Supply for Army.

As the necessity for food conservation at nome increases in almost direct ratio with the growth of our forces abroad, e tierman submarines lurking in rules governing the service of meat and wheat are multiplying so rapidly that ships, the Vindeggen and the Hen- hotel and restaurant proprietors may find it advisable to compile a list of them for daily reference or else inadvertently New York last night with their crews, find themselves inviting the attention of the long and strong arm of the law.

Reginning June 17 and for an in definite period thereafter, restrictions in the service of beef and beef products to four meals weekly in hotels and restau-Board. Householders and clubs are "asked" to Ilmit themselves to a maximum of one and a half pounds of beaf a week for each person in the house-

In so far as public eating places in this State are concerned, the food board's ruling, adopted yesterday, is law though it came as a result of a message from Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover, which merely "requested" further conservation on the part of the public. Mr. Hoover believes that limiting the use of beef will not be an urgent necessity after September 15, and meanwhile served as substitutes.

Here is the food board's order Beginning Monday, June 17, all pro prietors of restaurants and hotels shall beef more than two meals weekly, beef- in France in the allied cause and the steak more than one meal weekly and appointment of a single commander. roast beef more than one meal weekly. Fresh pork, bacon, hams and sausage should be served as substitutes.

products is again required of us in A larger scale and for an indefinite period, terchange of war secrets and all kinds proprietors of restaurants and hotels are of drawings, gauges, tools and specificaadvised that any violation of this rule on tions for equipment and arms. and after June 17 will be judged cause for the summoning of the violators be- Gen. Pershing was not made known, but fore this board.

"We ask all householders, clubs and is submitted to the Allies. others to join with the public purveyors of meats in making this new call for conservation as effective as the necessity requires. We ask householders not buy more than 114 pounds of clear beef weekly, or 14 pounds, including feeted is being despatched from America the bone, per person in the household.

A Service to Our Armies.

The rules laid down by the board are dentical with the recommendations embodied in Mr. Hoover's message, which explains that abiding by them will be congested eastern section of the country Allies." and continues:

and allied armies and their civil populapresent surplus. On the other hand, we nangion in its use.

changing conditions of production from season to season, the changing situation kets available to the Ailies and the inwith the fluctuating supply of local beef termine policies for long periods in advance. We have recently asked for economy in all meat consumption and we wish now to emphasize further re-

"It is anticipated that this will hold good until Septemper 15, and the coperation of the public is most earnestly re-

KAISER SEEMS VERY WELL.

Bronsed and Bright Eyed," Asserts Favorite Correspondent. AMSTERDAM, June 12 .- In a long let-

er to the Berlin Lokalangeiger from the battlefield on the Alsne, dated May 27. Karl Rosner, Emperor Wilkam's personal correspondent, describes the are in prospect at the hands of the V bronzed and bright eyed, receiving a report from Gen. von Boehn regarding the storming of the French positions on Afterward, says the correspondent

the Emperor ascended to the old Camp des Romains, from which he viewed the panorams of the battlefield while

If you must each it go to JOHN MUIR & cent. of co., \$1 8 way, and branches.—Ade.

PLAN TO POOL **ARMY SUPPLIES** OF ALL ALLIES

Conference in Washington Brings Nearer Complete Unification of Forces.

Restaurants and Hotels Re- WILL STOP CONGESTION

War Contracts Will Be Distributed and Fuel Orders Tightened.

Special Despatch to THE SUN WASHINGTON, June 12 .- The extent to which the allied armies in France are becoming a single military unit is indicated by plane now under way for pooling all military equipment, stores and supplies along the line in France and at the base warehouses. The United States is in favor of such a move. This was learned following a meeting of the War

Cabinet this afternoon at the White

House, where such pooling was a prin-

cipal topic of discussion. In effect the plan provides for the common use of supplies and equipment wherever such use is possible to simments, particularly in field army move ments American regiments moving from one section of the line to another or fro one base or reserve rendezvous to another would not carry all the heavy movement would ordinarily entail.

they are. Troops coming into the line or the camp vacated will use them, and at their new station whether these stores and supplies are French, British, Italian or the original property of any other unit or nation.

be possible with uniforms and much miltary equipment, but it can be made in regard to the food supplies, artillery, camp equipage and hundreds of things that are a part of every big military organisation Though no official statement could be

obtained from those attending the con ference, it is understood that the plan found general favor. It was regarded as a logical sequel to the pooling of men It would result it is believed in giving the Allies even greater unity than that in the enemy lines. It was suggested as 'As conservation of heaf and heef a natural sequence to the centralization

Whether the plan has the approval o his approval will be necessary before it

Assistant Secretary of War Stettinius is to go abroad in the near future, and plan in ailled conferences. Much of the stores and equipment which will be afand can easily be interchanged.

To Relieve Congestion.

The policy to be followed by all branches of the Government in stopping was discussed and defined at to-day's

New supply and equipment orders will not be placed in the congested centre tion for this summer are beyond our even for supplies that are now being made there. Such new contracts wherhave enough increased supply of pork ever possible will be placed elsewhere in the country. This means a restriction of all of those industries which have The public will realize that the competition outside of the district. For instance, if a mill in New Jersey is in shipping and therefore of the mar- be obtained in Chicago or St. Louis the renewal contract will go to the Chicago

> In the execution of this policy care will be exercised to keep from working hard ship on concerns that have turned their plants entirely over to war work. It to down and not abruptly cut off after de liveries are completed on present con-tracts. The effect will be absolute re-

Secretary Wilson Offers Plans.

Secretary of Labor Wilson attended the meeting for the first time to discuss the congested district policy in its effect on labor and Government housing plans. His department will have control of all expenditures under the housing bill. Plans for all communities where relief is to be granted have been drawn, and Emperor as appearing in radiant health, Industries Board during the rest of the summer. More and more factories and mills will be called on to meet needs of the allied armies and to turn out supplice in greater quantities than ever be

> found to-day in a statement by Dr. Gar-field, in which he said that fuel is the first and vital factor in the increasing programme of war supplies and that the production of the mines this year will be allotted with increased care. In speaking particularly of production of passenger automobiles, he said that while the general question of curtailing

while the general question of curtaining this industry is in the hands of J. Leonard Replogle of the War Industries Board, he feels responsible to limit the volume of conl to factories to 25 per cent of the tonnage consumed in the season of 1917-1918.

BERLIN PAPER DOUBTFUL ABOUT GREAT OFFENSIVE

"Vorwaerts" Points to Fact That Allies Seem No Nearer Appeal for Peace-Official Bullying Scored by Organ of Socialists in Germany.

Special Cable Despatch to Tax Sus. Bow" expresses doubt as to the outcome German soldiers always are strong, but nothing more. The article continues: Those who dream that we can in- franchise bill, which in reality will bring

that they will consent to a German peace must be reminded that our recent succese has not even induced them to admit the possibility of a peace by understanding. The German people, in any case, still have a heavy sacrifice to face. Only through shorteightedness amounting to blindness can any one deny this.

"What adds tragedy to the situation Coppright. 1915; all rights reserved. in Germany is the fact that apart from London, June 12.—The Amsterdam the enemy without dissatisfaction is ragcorrespondent of the Daily Express says ing increasingly within, while the Co that Vorceers, the Socialist organ in servatives are quarrelling with the So-Berlin, in an article entitled "The Bent cialists. The Government takes advantage of martial law to bully the people. of the present German offensive, admit- Alsatians have been forced to hate Ger ting that it only has proved that the many owing to this systematic bullying 'Finally the Prussians are threatened

flet such punishment on our enemies about a law framed according to th Conservative wishes. Thus this would be no serious reform at all. "The German people are cut out of the

with a Conservative compromise on the

old block, but does the idea not dawn

REVOLT THREAT INDIAN TACTICS STIRS AUSTRIA

Censor's Suppression of Lansing's Statement.

VIENNA WARNS POPULACE STEALTHY ATTACKS WIN

Soldiers Said to Be Ready to Rise.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SCH Copyright 1915; all rights reserved Lonnon, June 12 .- The statement tha the Austrian Government is reported to have received news that a congress of oppressed nationalities in Rome has resolved to initiate a big political offensive rnment has issued a warning to its people that it will not hesitate to suppress any revolutionary movement with all available means is considered highly significant in view of a despatch from Geneva which states that the possibili ties of the internal situation in Austria

become daily more interesting. A semi-official statement issued from Vienna warns the population against the grams from Vienna to the German newsrevolutionary movement which may

fests itself in an iron consorship on all Secretary Lansing's recent statements and the decisions of the Versailles counnewspaper in Vienna. Budapest or

Prague. An article in the Neue Freie Presse dealing with the part played by Czech and Jugoslav troops in demonstrations into the war have been suppressed, and terms accuse England of being behind this new menace to Austria. Also mys terious allusions to the so-called "Green Army" crop up in the speeches of Aus trians and Pan-Germans and the Government is urged to crush the move-

The Green Army is understood to conequipped and filled with the spirit of progress forward. revolt, and scattered all through Austria. They are understood to be fed and supported secretly by peasants. It Austrian forces in Italy to join them.

ARMY AIDS GERMAN LOAN. Total Said to Be More Than Fif-

AMSTERDAM, June 12 .- Subscriptions from the army to the eighth German war loan brought the total of the loan

up to 15,001,425,000 marks (approximately \$3,750,356,250 under normal exchange), according to Berlin des-The subscription list to the eighth

Hungarian war loan opened to-day, according to advices from Budapest. Until June 27 subscriptions will be taken at the price of issue, 9115, with interes at 514 per cent.

KAISER HAS NO NEW TERMS. Coming Pronunciamento Will No

LONDON, June 12 .- In her forthcom does not intend to make any fresh peace offer, according to Berlin newspapers quoted in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam.

BUDAPEST, via Amsterdam. June 12. -Count Johann Zichy, Minister of Education in the newly reorganized Wekerle election at Egeger by Johann Vosa candidate of the Karolyl, or Hungarian Independent party. Voss received 750 votes to 689 for Count Zichy.

on some of our leading circles that the best bow cannot be bent too much with

Official Nervousness Seen in American Troops Put Boastful execution, The battle continued through-Enemy to Flight in Quick Drive.

Green Army of 60,000 Slav Battle at Chateau Thierry Nets Territory, Prisoners and

Artillery.

By RAYMOND G. CARROLL, Special Cable Despatch to Two Sex.

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved June 12 .- To sum up the nine days of right, left and south of Chateau Thierry. war was famous for the manufacture of mathematical and wind instruments with its ruined castle that was built by Charles Mariel, the American infantrydepth of from one and a half miles to two and one-fourth miles, and, acting with the French, have taken some 700 prisoners, besides three heavy seven inch trench mortars and a goodly quantity of

machine guns. agely in the direction of Vaux and anprogress toward Laroche, while the mapapers assure the German public that rines now occupy the Bols de Belleau, a Central Park, New York.

A few days ago the German com munique announced "We have crossed the railroad between against all counter attacks."

The intention of the enemy to cil regarding oppressed nationalities have inin his grip was indicated and proved not been allowed publication in any by the boastful words of the official announcement. Alas for the Kaiser and the soldiers of Germany, the enemy has been driven back along this front. Notably associated with the marines were being just sufficiently manned to delay the Ninth and the Twenty-third Infantry,

American Spirit Upheld.

Compared with the large scale of fight ng which ims marked this war, achieveimportance. They demonstrated in mintheir pushing tenacity and boldness in open warfare. Not only did they trench sist of about 60,000 Slav soldiers, fully in their line, but they keep up the steady Their advance in the Bols de Belleau

was a product of the infiltration process : in other words, Indian fighting. Our the right and left, creeping over rocke and slipping from tree to rocke and slipping from tree boys are fighting as did their ancestors. and slipping from tree to tree, through away ferns and tall grass. Thus it was that the German Kugelapirtae, nests of ma-chine gun positions, were rounded and the German to the German forced to murrender.

echoed with the low clicking of soldiers equipment, the stealthy rustling of branches and twitter of alarmed birds then rifles cracked or machine guns long, their course marked through the tall branches of the trees with fleecy white puffs of shrapnel amoke breaking about them.

Creep Up on Enemy.

passed above, were as quiet as the finches and field mice of the hedgerows re when they see the nasming shadow of hovering hawk or hear the beat of its Sapping wings. At a signal new groups of men scurried forward under cover f trees, foliage and rocks.
Paths of torn leaves or the put, put,

put sound revealed the presence of en-emy machine guns. The clouds of earth or splinters of stone were observed fly-ing upward from the discovered location. The apringtime freshness of the woods was slashed to ribbons and rent and rid-dled to tatters as the Yanks crept northward. A Lieutenant said to me:
"This is real fighting, just as we read
about it in school books. It is our game
and Frits knows it."

All counter attacks made by the Germans in the open areas along the American front have been beaten off, on several occasions fairly large batches of

50,000 OF FOE ON 3.000 YARD FRONT BEATEN

French Counter Attack Near Montdidier Against Superior Numbers.

ENEMY PLANNED ATTACK

Foch's Troops, Seizing Initiative, Caught Dense Masses Under Fire.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE June 12 .- In a width of battlefront 3,000 yards in extent no fewer than four German divisions (more than 50,000 men) were preparing to hit a hard blow when the French yesterday launched a highly successful counter attack southeast o

The density of the German troops was fatal for them because the Entente allied artillery, machine guns, riffemen and aviators were able to aim at point This concentrated fire did terrible Belief That Enemy Will Be out the night and in the early hours this morning when the Entente Allies made a further advance to the east of Mery which is a most important point as it

commands the valley Toward the centre the enemy launched several attacks to-day, but the line held firmly although some enemy deschments succeeded in filtering into the Matz valley through the wooded country. Gain at Fearful Cost.

Tard by yard the French fought sistance. At 10 o'clock they took Mery. while the Germans tried to push them back by sheer force of numbers. Even- Ployron is still in our hands, despite vioually the enemy succeeded in gaining a little ground but at the cost of a fear- two successful counter attacks, which point South of the river Otse and also south north again to the line of Belloy-Vau-

of the Alene the Germans showed much delincourt. activity to-day, endeavoring to reduce the allied salient. when they went forward in their coun-

numbers. When the enemy was seen to be retir- i pars ing, although still making a flerce fight. The German design obviously is to part of Bussiares, to hold his gains made in the first days reach Complegne and so get a straight. The advance of the

with, if possible, augmented ardor. the battle between Montdidier and the ject of this attack on the flank of the bank. The Entente troops were obliged fourteen German divisions (about 180,- and the French are fighting herolcally to into line. Of these five chosen divisions were de- vance justifies the reasoned confidence tailed to break through the centre of snown by the French press.

ments of Guards and Jaegers. All Units Reenforced. All the units engaged had been brought to fullest strength, having been offensives. Since the beginning of the battle other divisions have been thrown Premier Clemenceau to control measures

into the line. The Allies, who had suspected that spread in deep formations, the first lines action developed, and in the meantime falling back, fighting, to the real line

Owing to his great strength the enemy succeeded in forcing his way serious condition of affairs than actu-through a depression forming the centre ally exists. It cannot be too much emheld more firmly. The German objectives for the first

day were Tricot, Mery and Belioy The mary heavy artillery, still less which will place the city itself in danger last two they managed to capture on Heavy indeed would be the responsibility. last two they managed to capture on Monday after terrific fighting, but their terday and forced them to retire, sorely

It is the general impression that the sults of their first dash are disappointing

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Fund Smokes Dispel Gloom of Trenches CORPORAL P. R. CAMPBELL

Company D, 306th Machine Gun Battalion, writes to a SUN Tobacco Fund donor: "Dear Good Sport: There are twenty-six of us in this tin roofed shack somewhere in France. This morning we went out in the rain and got drenched.

wringing duds and crawled in between the blankets, pretty blue. And then-THEN--in came Supply Sarge Kittle and his able helper, Old Sal Worth, with your cigs. boy! You oughts seen those grins! If you contributed your kale to make some soldiers happy, you did it, kid!"

Then we came back, shed our

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Foch Is Confident He Will Stem Tide

LONDON. June 12.-An as sociation of former British soldiers and sailors, known as "Comrades of the Great War." sent this message to Gen. Foch:

We have perfect faith that on the scene of your historic victory of 1914, in which many of us were privileged to share. you and your gallant men will again stem the tide of invasion and hurl the hated invaders from the sacred soil of France.

Gen. Foch replied: I share entirely your con-

PARIS DEFENCE

PURE CAUTION

Little Likelihood That Ger-

mans Will Get Within Or-

dinary Gun Range.

Unable to Get Through to

Compiegne.

By GERALD CAMPBELL.

London Times

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have moved our front a little further

lent itself to surprise attacks and the

of even worse eventualities.

There is always danger that measures

bring Paris within range or the ordi-

Charge of Conspiracy

Kaiser to Be Pressed.

Special table Despatch to The St.

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LONDON. June 12.—The Petrograd orrespondent of the Daily Express says

correspondent of the Daily Express says that the forthcoming indictment and trial of Nicholas Romanoff, formerly Czar of Russia, promises to be sensational in the extreme. The Moscow Soviet is busy collecting letters sent by the former Czar to European monarchs and to others, including King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, Czar Ferdinand of Nicholas King Constanting of Traces.

Bulgaria. King Constantine of Greece, King Albert of Belgium, the Emperor Wilhelm of Germany, Rasputin, the

Mad Monk, and President Poincare of

The most remarkable item in the

indictment is the allegation that the

with the Kaiser during the memorable interview at Potsdam. It appears from telegrams and correspondence sent by

Pasha.

Poilus Withdraw From Carlepont Wood to Avoid a Dangerous Salient.

ADVANCE ABOVE MARNE

Montcourt and Part of Bussaires Reoccupied by the Allied Forces.

LEFT FLANK GAINS ALSO

In Centre, However, Germans Carry Fighting Below Mouth of the Matz.

Lospon, June 12.—Owing to the German success vesterday in reaching the Oise, the French east of the river were compelled to withdraw to the line of Bailly-Tracy-le-Val-and west of Nampoel, a distance of approximately two miles. This was done under the protection of covering troops and without opposition, the French statement to-night says.

Berlin, on the contrary, reports the novement as a retreat in haste and CONFIDENCE IN THE ARMY asserts that after evacuating Carlepont Wood the French were pursued by the Germans beyond Carlepont and Caisnes, until they reached the line indicated. The Germans succeeded in getting a foothold on the southern bank of the Matz River, occupying the village of Melicocq and adjoining

heights. It is significant that the German re per: does not claim any other advance Special Cable Despatch to THE SIX from the made, although there was severe fighting in the new sallent southeast of FREID, June 11 (delayed).—On their left portant gains, advancing Cieir front cast of Mery and the Genlis Wood. The he French are still putting up a fine renight German report states that their south of Courcelles. The village of Le | were only local engagements southwest lent assaults. In the centre we made French captured too prisoners at one

The fighting south of the Alshe was o The spirit of the allied infantrymen possibility that some of our troops and Villers-Cotterets Forest. The tlermight be cut off, so orders were given mans made alight progress on the ter-attack yesterday was very high, alliast night for a retirement to the west plateau west of Dommiers and Cutry, though they knew the enemy facing side of the Oise. This enabled the entropy to advance to Ribecourt, through Aigle. North of the Marne French last night for a retirement to the west plateau west of Dominiers and Cutry, which the old French front line used to troops occupied Montcourt.

wood north of Eloup and the southern of the battle, the Allies dashed forward front through Villers-Cotterets to Cha- right or west bank of the river Oise, teau Thierry, at the point of the Marne telegraphs the Paris correspondent of Details concerning the beginning of salient. That has been all along the on- Reuter's, was bound to tell on the other

French salient. It has not yet succeeded to bring their positions on the two defeat the effort. The end of the ad-Discussing the situation Tuesday the correspondent adds : "Checked on their right and centre, the It would be foolish to deny that Paris Germans have thrown fresh masses of

troops in the battle on their left wing the battle with a beating heart, but with a view of reaching the Olse, The Paris, fortunately, is not content to re- country here is a mass of little hills main merely a passive spectator while separated by deep ravines, running her fate is being settled. She is busy mainly south or east, and lends itself preparing to play her part if occasion readily to the enemy's favorite tactics of arises. The committee appointed by inflitration in small detachments. "The ailled troops are operating in a

to defend the capital is at work; the narrow belt on the left between the Deputies of the Seine, on their side, are enemy's advancing line and the Oise. engaged in dealing with similar prob-With no bridges in the rear they run lems and there will be a meeting of the the risk of being out off by the enemy City Council on Thursday to consider should he reach the river bank south of action in the future on the possibility them and, accordingly, they are being withdrawn gradually to the river. whence the enemy is pursuing them. dictated by a spirit of wise precaution may be interpreted as indicating a more serious condition of affairs than actu-The Germans soon wal find themselves without cover in an open valley under the fire of the ailled artillery and machine guns." plasized that the Government does not

"Ribecourt is now in the enemy's front

ine. This village is about a mile and a half from the bank of the Oise and ity of the Government which did not at a half from the bank of the Oise and such times take even superfluous pre- as the enemy line now passes around to the Prench retirement to the river valley was fnevitable.
"The mass of forests, including

D'Ourscamp Wood, Carlepont Forest and Montagne Wood, which we now hold on the east bank, is enclosed by the Oise TO BE SENSATIONAL on the north and the west and by the With German lines which skirt the edge of the "Before the battle the Germana held

> oise to Pont l'Evaque If they now succeed in establishing themselves along the river valley as far as Ribecourt the allied troops in the forests on the left bank will be between three fires ' would seem to bear the interpretation that the German high command considers that the objects of its latest of fensive already have been attained and

the right bank of the Oise from Pont-

that now the French are making successful counter attacks the thrust will not be pursued further

former Czar reached an understanding here is whether Gen Ludendorff's plans yet are fully revealed, and if the forebear out the view held by many mil the former Caar that during the inter-view the Kaiser and himself concluded tary experts that the great stroke of a verbal alliance against France and the Central Powers on the western front

England. It also appears that Nicholas is still to come.

gave to the Kaiser his promise not to hamper the German authorities in Turkey when Germany sent to that country a military mission headed by Sanders and Miy 27 both developed successes. far surpassing the anticipation of the In the meanwhile the movements of German command and were developed Nicholas, real or imaginary, are the subjects of the wildest gossip and conjecture among the royalists and the bourgeoise, who are ready to sail under a Romanoff or with the Kaiser if it will thrust on the Noyon-Montdidier front save them from the clutches of the were engaged in as diversions to keep the Franco-British forces engaged and